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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Bao Q. Vu

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 1-11-05.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 11, 18, 20, 23-25, 31 and 47-59 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 11, 18, 20, 23-25, 31, 47-59 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                   | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-5, 11, 18, 20, 47-51, 57, and 59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Macdonald et al. (USP 6,650,560). MacDonald (see all figures) discloses a plurality of input voltages (12 and 14, figure 1A), a transformer (T1, figure 2A), a buck regulator (28, figure 1A), cables and connectors (figure 1B), resistance is inherent in all connectors, voltage comparison circuit/ voltage programming circuit, (See figure 2B, Vsense, to comparator IC4A) current comparison circuit/current programming circuit (see figure 2B, Isense, to comparator IC4-B), this feedback is used to control the switch (Q4) and provide the driving signal.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and

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the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 23-25, 31, 52-56, and 58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Macdonald et al. (USP 6,650,560) in view of Riggio et al. (USP 6,504,423). MacDonald discloses the claimed invention (see above paragraphs) except for having a DC input supplied to the center tap of the transformer. Riggio discloses that it is known in the art to provide a DC input supplied to the center tap of the transformer for purpose providing galvanic isolation and minimal voltage overshoot in the secondary and thus minimizing the filtering requirements. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine the DC input supplied to the center tap of the transformer of Riggio with the dual input power supply of MacDonald, in order to have a highly efficient converter for purpose providing galvanic isolation and minimal voltage overshoot in the secondary and thereby minimizing the filtering requirements.

### ***Response to Arguments***

5. Applicant's arguments filed 1-11-05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. One of ordinary skill in the art would know from looking at the figures 2c and 2b that inductors L2 and L3 are the secondary windings of transformer T1, the double bars on top the inductors means that they are connected to the transformer T1, and have a common core (meaning of the doubled lines in the drawings). If the inductors were not connected as suggested by applicant (similar to L1- an independent

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inductor without any connection to a common core), they would not have the double bars on top. Therefore, the inductors L2 and L3 are secondary of transformer T1.

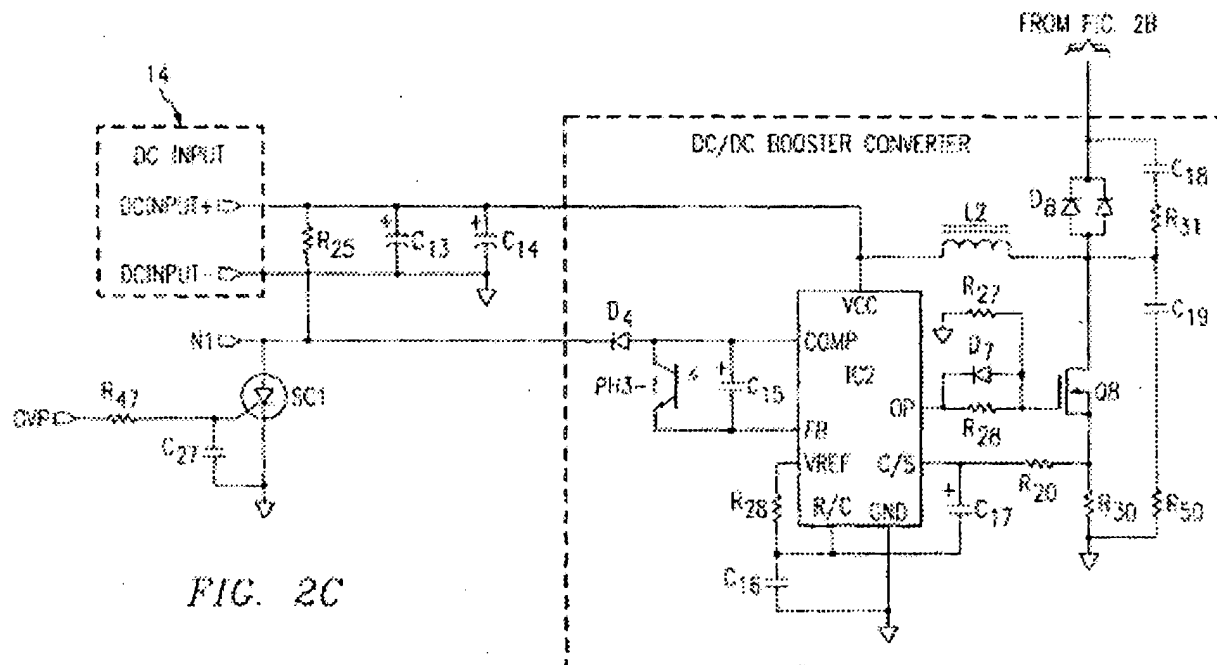


FIG. 2C

Also, looking at figure 2C above, the control circuit controls the switch Q8, and boost type inductor (L2)-diode (D8) –switch (Q8) configuration [similar to applicant's boost configuration (figure 3) of a inductor (203)-diode (212) –switch (208)], this switch Q8 is being controlled by the controller to create a boosted voltage and only difference is that the transformer is not a centered tapped and that is where the teachings of Riggio come into play- the obviousness rejection.

### Conclusion

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bao Q. Vu whose telephone number is (571) 272-2088. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Fridays, 8:00AM- 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael S. Sherry can be reached on (571) 272-2084. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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